

# Rex Mill Middle STEM School

## Parent and Family Engagement Plan

2022-2023 School Year

Rex Mill Middle STEM School

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## What is Title I?

Rex Mill Middle STEM School is identified as a Title I school as part of Every Student Succeed Act (ESSA). Title I is designed to support State and local school reform efforts tied to challenging state academic standards in reinforce and enhance efforts to improve teaching and learning for students. Title I programs must be based on effective means of improving student achievement and include strategies to support family engagement. All Title I schools must jointly develop with all stakeholders to write a family engagement plan.



## School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

### What is it?

This is a plan that describes how Rex Mill Middle STEM School will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support student learning. Rex Mill Middle STEM School values the contributions and involvement of families to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student achievement. This plan describes the different ways that Rex Mill Middle STEM School will support parent engagement and how all family members can help plan and participate in activities and events to promote student learning at school and at home. Rex Mill Middle STEM School provides various opportunities for families to be involved. For example, we offer monthly academic workshops, interactive curriculum nights, Parent Academy Training, New Family Orientation, and monthly chat sessions. We welcome feedback and suggestions throughout the year via email, phone, or in person.

### How is it Revised?

Rex Mill Middle STEM School collaborated with our stakeholders in the revision of its program. All families are invited to attend our annual TITLE I, School-Parent Compact, and Parent and Family Engagement Plan meetings during the Fall/Spring of the current school year to review and revise this parent and family engagement plan, as well as the schoolwide plan, our school-family compact and the Parent and Family Engagement budget. Each meeting is held during flexible hours a minimum of three times. Additionally, input and comments regarding this plan are welcome during the school year through an online survey. The plan, along with online survey, is located on the school website ([www.clayton.k12.ga.us/schools/029](http://www.clayton.k12.ga.us/schools/029)) for families to view and submit feedback throughout the year. All feedback received during the year will be used to revise the plan for the next school year. We also distribute an annual survey online and a paper copy is sent home with each student during the spring to solicit suggestions on the plan and the use of funds for parental involvement. Families can also give feedback during all meetings/activities during the school year.

### Who is it for?

All students participating in the Title I, Part A program, and their families, are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. Rex Mill Middle STEM School will provide full opportunity for the participation of families with limited English, parents with disabilities and parents of migratory children.

### Where is it Available?

At the beginning of the year, the plan is given to all students during the months of September or October. The plan will also be posted on the school website ([www.clayton.k12.ga.us/schools/029](http://www.clayton.k12.ga.us/schools/029)). Throughout the year, families new to Rex Mill Middle STEM School will receive a copy during new student registration. A copy of the plan can also be retrieved from the Virtual Parent Resource Center, Virtual Parent Resource Center, and our school's social media.



## 2022-2023 District Goals

By the end of the 2022-23 school year, Clayton County Public Schools will increase the percentage of students scoring at the Proficient and/or Distinguished levels on the GMAS by at least 3 percentage points in each content area.

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## School-Parent Compacts

*As part of this plan, Rex Mill Middle STEM School and our families will jointly develop a school-family compact, which is an agreement that parents, teachers, and students will develop which explains how parents and teachers will work together to make sure all our students reach the school's academic goals. The compacts will be reviewed and updated annually based on feedback from parents, students and teachers during the School Forum. The school-parent compacts are kept with each child's teacher, sent home, posted in the Parent Resource Center and online if parents need a copy.*



## Let's Get Together!

Rex Mill Middle STEM School will host the following events to build the capacity for strong family engagement to support a partnership among the school, families, and the community to improve student academic achievement. Several meetings will be held more than once per month at flexible times. Information can be found on the website and in the monthly distributed Parent & Family

### **Annual Title I Meeting– September 29, 2022**

Learn about TITLE I program including our family involvement policy, the schoolwide plan, the school-parent compacts, and parents' requirements.

### **Principal's Chats - Monthly**

This is a great opportunity for all parents and families to come out meet the principal and share your thoughts, concerns and discuss the latest RMMS updates.

### **Virtual/Face to Face Parent Academy Workshops–Monthly**

Gain knowledge about topics relevant to your child's education.

### **Parent-Teacher and Student Conferences– Scheduled Tuesdays and Thursdays after hours by request**

Scheduled updates on your child's progress. **Please note:** Parents can request a conference at any time during the school year by contacting the Parent Liaison/Student Engagement.

[Destin.Johnson@clayton.k12.ga.us](mailto:Destin.Johnson@clayton.k12.ga.us) or 770-474-0702.

### **STEM Field Trips – Quarterly**

Direct experience with a STEM topic often comes from an onsite or virtual field trip, taking concepts out of the classroom and into the real world.

### **STEM Career Day–March 2022**

Volunteer as a presenter to engage with students about your job to broaden student's perspectives and further motivate them to pursue productive careers.

### **District Virtual Title I Academic Workshops – TBA**

Catch up with the latest resources to help support your child's learning.

### **STEM Curriculum Nights– November 2021 and March 2022**

Interactive academic sessions to engage parents, families, and students in grade level specific curriculum content areas.

### **ELBC (Extended Learning Beyond the Classroom) Days Countywide:**

August 26, 2022; September 16, 2022; October 28, 2022; January 27, 2022; March 10, 2022

### **National Annual Holidays:**

Labor Day (Sept.5,2022); Fall Break (Oct.10-14,2022); Election Day (Nov.8,2022); Thanksgiving Break (Nov.21-25); Christmas Break (Dec.19-30, 2022); Staff Development Day (Jan. 3,2022); MLK Day (Jan.16,2022); President's Day (Feb.20,2022); Spring Break (Apr.3-7,2022)

### **Hispanic Heritage Month:**

September 15, 2022 – October 15, 2022; We celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month to recognize the achievements and contributions of Hispanic American champions who have inspired others to achieve success.



## Parent Resource Center

Come visit the Parent Resource Center in Room 602 or virtually on our Title I page, to check out books, study materials, and activities to use at home with your child. Assistance with Magnet/School Choice applications is provided. Computers are available for parent/guardians to explore Infinite Campus Parent Portal and educational resources.

Monday – Friday, 8:45 am – 3:30 pm

## Family Involvement

Rex Mill Middle STEM School believes that parent and family engagement mean the participation of families in regular two-way and meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring

- That families play an integral role in assisting their child's learning.
- That families are encouraged to be actively engaged in their child's education at school.
- That families are full partners in their child's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child.
- The carrying out of other activities as described in this plan.

*Rex Mill Middle STEM School is committed to helping our families attend the family activities listed in this plan. Please call your Student Engagement Specialist, if you need assistance with interpreter services in order to participate in our programs.*

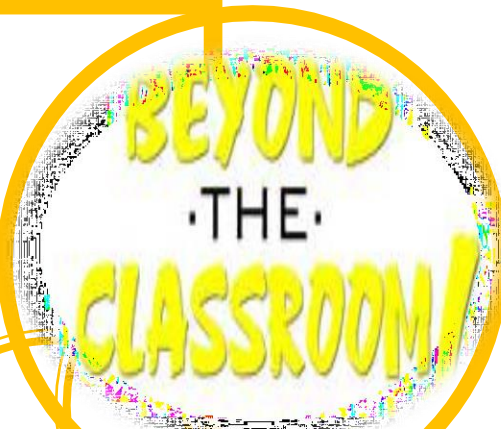
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# RMMS<sup>2</sup> ...One Team, One Goal

## "It Starts With Me & It's What We Do!"

Rex Mill Middle will take the following measures to promote and support families as an important foundation of the school in order to strengthen the school and reach our school goals. We will

- ✓ Ensure that all information related to school and family programs, meetings, and other activities is published in English, Spanish, Vietnamese, posted on the school website for all families.
- ✓ Provide monthly trainings for staff during their planning periods on strategies to improve communication with families and ideas to increase family engagement. Staff will also share best practices during regularly scheduled faculty meetings.
- ✓ Communicate with all families and the community on a regular basis regarding schoolwide events and activities, through phone messages, school website, school marquee, flyers, and via social media.
- ✓ Work with our families to develop relevant trainings and helpful presentations to educate our staff on the importance of family involvement.
- ✓ Provide necessary materials and handouts for families at conferences, meetings, and activities to help families work with their child to improve their child's achievement.
- ✓ Use our PTO and Parent Volunteers to increase participation and awareness of the activities and events listed in the parent and family engagement plan.
- ✓ Collect feedback from families at all events, place input card around the building and post suggestion form on the school website in order to respond to family's requests for additional support for family engagement activities.



## Family Engagement Standards

Rex Mill Middle STEM School and our families have adopted the National PTA Standards for Family-School Partnerships as the school's model in engaging families, students, and the community. These standards are:

*Welcoming All Families*

*Communicating Effectively*

*Supporting Student Success*

*Speaking Up for Every Child*

*Sharing Power*

*Collaborating with Community*

We also incorporate Dr. Joyce Epstein's 6 types of involvement standards in our program:

*Parenting*

*Learning at Home*

*Communicating*

*Decision Making*

*Volunteering*

*Collaborating with Community*

## School Council Committee

Rex Mill Middle STEM School invites all families to join the School Council Committee to share ideas and ways to involve other families to build partnerships with school, families, and the community. The team will meet four times during the school year, but families can also submit their ideas or suggestions at any school activity and/or meeting, as well as through our parent surveys and website. If you would like to learn more about the School Council Committee, please contact the Dr. Robinson, Principal at (770)474-0702 or complete the interest form and leave it in the Main Office.



## RMMS<sup>2</sup> Volunteer Program

- Yes, I am interested in being a RMMS<sup>2</sup> Volunteer.
- Please contact me so I can learn more about becoming a RMMS<sup>2</sup> Volunteer.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name and Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

## Share Your Thoughts

We want to hear from you. If you have any suggestions or if there is any part of this plan that you feel is not satisfactory with the students' and the school's goals for academic achievement, please provide us with your comments in the space provided and give this form to Dr. Christopher Robinson, Principal.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_